

OPINION 2044 (Case 3172)***Leptodactylus chaquensis* Cei, 1950 (Amphibia, Anura): specific name conserved**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Leptodactylus chaquensis* Cei, 1950, a subtropical South American frog, is conserved. The specific name was threatened by the senior synonym *L. typicus* Cei, 1948, available under Article 45.6.4 of the Code. The name *L. typica* was applied in 1948 to what was then supposed to be a 'forma' of *L. ocellatus* Linnaeus, 1758, but has never been used and is now suppressed.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power the name *typica* Cei, 1948, as published in the combination *Leptodactylus ocellatus* forma *typica*, is suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *chaquensis* Cei, 1950, as published in the binomen *Leptodactylus chaquensis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *typica* Cei, 1948, as published in the combination *Leptodactylus ocellatus* forma *typica* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3172

An application to conserve the widely used name *Leptodactylus chaquensis* Cei, 1950 for a subtropical South American frog by suppression of the name *L. typicus* Cei, 1948 was received from José M. Cei (*Departamento Ciencias Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Rio Cuarto, Rio Cuarto, Córdoba, Argentina*) on 31 August 2000. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 58: 116–118. The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. A comment in support of the application was published in BZN 59: 44–45.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 2002 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 58: 117. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2003 the votes were as follows: 24 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, no Commissioners voted AGAINST, no vote was received from Mahnert. Ng was on leave of absence.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- chaquensis*, *Leptodactylus*, Cei, 1950, *Acta Zoologica Lilloana*, 9: 417.
typica, *Leptodactylus ocellatus* 'forma', Cei, 1948, *Acta Zoologica Lilloana*, 6: 308.